

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title by rewriting the same to the following:

--MEMORY APPARATUS AND A DATA-PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR READING FROM AND WRITING TO THE MEMORY APPARATUS--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 8, and 15 by rewriting the same as follows:

B₁ *Sub C1* 1. (Twice Amended) A memory apparatus comprising:
a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be
written, in accordance with instructions made by a user: and
a second storage region having a password associated therewith from which data
can be read and into which data can be written by a data-processing apparatus only when (i) a
user entered password correlates to the associated password and (ii) the data-processing
apparatus is designed to read from and write to said second storage region.

B₂ *Sub C2* 8. (Twice Amended) A data-processing apparatus comprising data
processing means for writing data into, and reading data from, an memory apparatus comprising
a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in
accordance with instructions made by a user, and a second storage region having a password
associated therewith from which data can be read and into which data can be written by said
data-processing apparatus only when (i) a user entered password correlates to the associated

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password and (ii) the data-processing apparatus is designed to read from and write to said second storage region,

wherein said data-processing means writes data into, or reads data from, the first storage region when the instructions made by the user are supplied to the memory apparatus to write the data into, or to read from, the memory apparatus

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15. (Twice Amended) ~~A data-processing method characterized in that a~~
memory apparatus comprising a first storage region from which data can be read and into which data can be written, in accordance with instructions made by a user, and a second storage region having a password associated therewith from which data can be read and into which data can be written by a data-processing apparatus only when (i) a user entered password correlates to the associated password and (ii) the data-processing apparatus is designed to read from and write to said second storage region; and data is written into, or read from, the first storage region when the user makes instructions to write data into, or to read the data from, the memory apparatus.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and these remarks is respectfully requested. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for